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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

REF: GENEVA 6728, 21 DECEMBER 1973

1. CHAIRMAN OF ITC JOINT ADVISORY GROUP (MOEREL) HAS COME UP WITH SUGGESTION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE WHICH COULD SOLVE IMPASSE OF RECENT YEARS (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS). MOEREL HAS DISCOVERED U.S. AND OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES INCLUDING FRANCE HAVE CONSENTED TO WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD ROTATION SYSTEM WHEREBY MAJOR COUNTRIES IN TURN ARE OFF BOARD FOR ONE YEAR AND ON FOR THREE. IF U.S. CAN AGREE TO STRUCTURE TECH COM THIS WAY, MOEREL FEELS OTHERS MAY GO ALONG. IF THEY DID THERE WOULD BE IMPROVED CHANCE HOLD TECHCOM TO CURRENT MEMBERSHIP LIMIT OF 18, ALTHOUGH MOEREL SAID HE STILL UNDER PRESSURE INCREASE GROUP TO 24.

2. MISSION AWARE WHO ARRANGEMENT STILL SUBJECT TO FORMAL RATIFICATION AND THAT THERE IS PRESSURE TO ENLARGE GROUP. IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION, HOWEVER, IS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT MAJOR COUNTRIES HAVE FOUND IT POSSIBLE ROTATE

IN PRACTICE, AND THUS WE FEEL ITC TECHCOM - CERTAINLY
A LESS IMPORTANT BODY THAN WHO EXECUTIVE BOARD -
SHOULD BE ABLE DO LIKEWISE. DO NOT BELIEVE THIS
WOULD LESSEN EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN
ITC MATTERS.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: IF DEPARTMENT AGREES U.S. CAN
ACCEPT THIS SOLUTION, WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY INDICATION.
MOEREL HOPES USE U.S. CONSENT AS MEANS OF PROMOTING IDEA
TO OTHERS - PARTICULARLY FRANCE - WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD
REFUSED ROTATE. PLEASE ADVISE. DALE

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